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FM AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS

TO SDCSTATE WASHDC 594

SECDEF WASHDC

INFO AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE

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AMEMBASSY BONN

AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY LONDON

USMISSION NATO BRUSSELS

USNMR SHAPE

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C O N F I D E N T I A L BRUSSELS 2468

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, NATO,BE

SUBJECT: REPLACEMENT FOR F-104

UNDER THE INSTRUCTIONS OF HIS GOVERNMENT, NETH  
AMBASSADOR TO BELGIUM VAN SCHELLE TOLD ME THAT  
NETH DECISION ON F-104 REPLACEMENT WOULD BE MADE  
EXCLUSIVELY ON QTE STRATEGIC AND TECHNICAL GROUNDS  
UNQTE AND THAT HE HAD REAFFIRMED GON POSITION ON  
F-104 REPLACEMENT TO GOB. AMBASSADOR REASSURED  
ME THAT GOB COULD NOT MAKE DECISION INDEPENDENT OF  
NETH FOR PURCHASE OF 117 MARAGES WOULD NOT BE  
SUFFICIENT PUT PLANE INTO PRODUCTION, A MINIMUM  
ORDER OF 300 BEING REQUIRED BY DASSAULT. AMBAS-  
SADOR TOLD ME THAT UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES WE  
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NEED NOT WORRY ABOUT PRECIPITATE GOB DECISION ON

F-104 REPLACEMENT. AMBASSADOR ADDED CONFIDENTIALLY  
THAT BELGIAN MILITARY AVIATION EXPERTS PREFERE  
COBRA.STRAUSZ-HUPE

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